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SUBJ: INDO-US JOINT COMMISSION - JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL

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1. WE APPRECIATE YOUR FAITH IN OUR ABILITY TO USE LOCAL
REFERENCE MATERIAL. WE SHARE YOUR INTEREST IN MOVING AHEAD
ON THE JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL.

2. UNFORTUNATLEY, AS IN A NUMBER OF OTHER AREAS, THE IN-
FORMATION CONVEYED BY THE INDIAN EMBASSY BEARS ONLY A LIM-
ITED RELATIONSHIP TO GOI POLICY. WE HAVE DISCUSSED
THE JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL TODAY WITH R. MAZUMDAR, JOINT
SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND SHE CONFIRMED OUR BELIEF
THAT THE GOI HAS NEVER FORMALLY NOMINATED FICCI TO ORGANIZE
THE INDIAN SIDE OF THE JBC. PROGRESS ON THIS DESIGNATION,
AS WELL AS THE ENTIRE MAKE UP OF THE INDIAN SIDE, HAS BECOME
TIED TO THE ISSUE OF TRADE AND INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AND HAS
BECOME IN PART THE VICTIM OF INTERNAL GOI DELAYS DUE TO THE
ABSENCE OF ANY EFFECTIVE DEADLINE FOR DECISIONS. MAZUMDAR,
HOWEVER, STATED THE GOI WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE
US CHAMBER CONTACTING FICCI ON AN INFORMAL BASIS.

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THE FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF FICCI IS: FEDERATION OF
INDIAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, TANSEN MARG,

NEW DELHI 110001. THE APPROPRIATE PERSON TO CONTACT
WOULD BE MR. G.L. BANSAL, SECRETARY GENERAL.

3. I UNDERSTAND THAT L. OAKLEY JOHNSON OF THE U.S. CHAMBER
PLANS TO STOP IN DELHI ON MARCH 27 AND HOPES TO DISCUSS
JBC WITH FICCI. PLEASE CONFIRM AND OFFER OUR ASSISTANCE
TO JOHNSON. WE WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW THE SITUATION
WITH HIM DURING HIS VISIT.
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